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Local Boundary Commission 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1770 Anchorage Alaska 99501-3510 Fax 907-269-4539

Local Boundary Commission Members:

This letter is in regards to the recommendations being made by the Local Boundary Commission regarding the formation of a Prince of Wales Island Borough.

I moved to Prince of Wales from California 15 years ago. To tell you the truth I was only to be here a short time, to fish on my brothers troller. I do not miss California or it's ever growing " spend more/ tax more " government.

The people do not want more government. We can not afford more government. Inefficiency at the Federal, State, or local levels need to be addressed first and foremost. I understand our state budget is based on oil revenues and those have declined. So should state spending on non-essential programs. The economy on the island is not what it was and I'm not sure if it ever will be again. Yet those of us that call Prince of Wales Island our home are going to tighten our belts and ride it out.

I do not have excess money to support another government, but I do have a suggestion. One school district for Prince Of Wales instead of four. That's three less administrations. No, it will not bridge the State Budget gap, but it is a start in the right direction.

Sincerely

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an active registered voter.

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